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- 1. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR FEBRUARY 12 ASKED SOYLEMEZ, MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ABOUT STATUS OF GOT NEGOTIATIONS WITH GDR REGARDING BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT AND REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS OF GDR FOR THY SERVICE TO WEST BERLIN.
- 2. SOYLEMEZ SAID THAT DURING VISIT OF GDR DELEGATION TO ANKARA LAST MONTH, BOTH SIDES HAD PROCEEDED QUICKLY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT. THE ACCORD WAS SIMILAR TO THOSE SIGNED BY GOT WITH OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, "SUCH AS PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND USSR". THE AGREEMENT PERMITS THY, AND RECIPROCALLY THE GDR CARRIER INTERFLUG, TO PROVIDE SERVICES BETWEEN ISTANBUL AND SCHOENFELD, EAST BERLIN. THE GDR CONFIDENTIAL

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SIDE WAS VERY EASY TO SATISFY; THEY ACCEPTED WITH VERY LITTLE DIS-

CUSION THE DRAFT SUGGESTED BY THE GOT; AND THEY "DID NOT EVEN ASK FOR FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS" ALONG WTHE ISTANBUL-SCHOENFELD ROUTE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTIONS, SOYLEMEZ SAID THE WEEKLY FREQUENCIES TO BE OPERATED BY THY WERE NOT SPECIFIED. HE ADDED THAT THESE ARE ALL CHARTER FLIGHTS, AND THE NUMBER OF SERVICES TO BE OPERATED EACH WEEK COULD BE EASILY ARRANGED BY NEGOTIATION. THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR THY FLIGHTS PROCEEDING BEYOND EAST BERLIN OR FOR THE GDR CARRIER PROCEEDING BEYOND ISTANBUL. THIS QUESTION WAS LEFT OPEN FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATION (EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO THY OVERFLIGHTS TO WEST BERLIN, WHICH IS DISCUSSED BELOW).

4. AS THIS WAS THE FIRST AIR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, SOYLEMEZ SAID THE GOT DID NOT WISH TO INSERT INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS THE QUESTION OF OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS TO WEST BERLIN. THE GOT FELT THAT THIS MIGHT PREVENT CONCLUSION OF A BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THIS QUESTION WAS RAISED SEVERAL TIMES IN SEPARATE TALKS. IT WAS BROUGHT UP WHEN THE GDR DELEGATION MADE ITS COURTESY CALL ON TEZEL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, MFA, AND IT WAS THE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE POINT RAISED DURING THAT CALL. IT WAS ALSO RAISED SEVERAL TIMES BY SOYLEMEZ, OUTSIDE OF THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE TURKISH SIDE INFORMED THE GDR OF ITS INTEREST IN PROVIDING SERVICE TO WEST BERLIN AND ALSO OF THE PRESSURE PLACED ON THY BECAUSE OF ITS PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CARRYING PASSENGERS FROM WEST BERLIN TO TURKEY BY WAY OF SCHOENFELD AIRPORT. THE GDR SIDE SAID IT WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION TO PERMIT THY TO OVERFLY THE GDR TO LAND AT TEGEL. ACCORDING TO SOYLEMEZ, THE GDR TEAM VARIOUSLY SAID THAT LANDING RIGHTS IN WEST BERLIN FOR THY "ARE USELESS" AND THAT OTHER AIRLINES ARE ALSO INVOLVED AND AN EXCEPTION COULD NOT BE MADE FOR THY, MOREOVER, THE GDR SIDE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT WITHIN ITS POWER TO GRANT OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS TO WEST BERLIN TO ANY AIRLINE. MACOMBER

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